

# SILVERWINGS

"Back to the basics"

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## Weather



### Today

High: 91, Low: 69  
Partly Cloudy



### Saturday

High: 88, Low: 69  
Partly Cloudy



### Sunday

High: 91, Low: 69  
40% Thunderstorms



### Monday

High: 88, Low: 67  
40% Thunderstorms

## News Briefs

### Blood Drive

The 14th Medical Group and Mississippi Blood Services will host a blood drive Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Services Complex. Donations are greatly needed. For more information or if you would like to schedule a time please contact 2nd Lt. Adam Irvin at 434-2123 or 2nd Lt. Janelle West at 434-2676.

### Dorm Dinner

There will be a dorm dinner for the all enlisted servicemembers living in the dorms Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club. There will also be a pool party for the Airmen. For more information, contact your First Sergeant.

### Enlisted Promotions

The enlisted promotions ceremony has changed to Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club. All BLAZE Team members are encouraged to attend and celebrate with the August promotees.

## Inside



### FEATURE 10

The 50th Flying Training Squadron's Heritage Room is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. George Fowler

**Retired Brig. Gen. Steven Roser congratulates 2nd Lt. Shawn Joaquin, a recent graduate, after receiving his wings Friday. General Roser was the keynote speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-13 graduation.**

## General provides insight to graduates

**Senior Airman Danielle Hill**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

"The key to air power is the pilots not the aircraft."

That was the message that retired Brig. Gen. Steven Roser delivered to CAFB's newest class of Air Force pilots Friday.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-13, along with the audience, soaked in the words of General Roser, a retired command pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours. He spoke of his experience during his almost 30 year Air Force career.

The general told a story of when the first F-16 pilots came on scene, how they could not compete with the seasoned F-104 pilots. It was clear then the new F-16 pilots couldn't contend with the F-104 pilots that had been through combat missions and had experience

under their belts.

He spoke of a conversation with his neighbor, an F-104 pilot, at Davis-Monthan AFB. "So we were sitting around telling war stories and I asked him 'how do you guys do when you go up against the F-16.' He said 'we smoke 'em.' I thought how could this be? The F-16 is the premier fighter and you are working with three generations older technology," remembered General Roser.

"My friend said 'it's simple. They have young lieutenants and every one of our pilots has more than 3,000 flying hours and has combat time. It is about the people not the plane.'"

That message from his former neighbor stayed with the general throughout his career.

The general encouraged the graduates to continue to learn. By continuing their studies, they will always be

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

### PHASE II

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select
37th (09-08)	6.71 days	2.34 days	Sept. 25
41st (09-07)	3.28 days	0.71 days	Sept. 3

### PHASE III

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
48th (08-14)	0.29 days	1.70 days	Sept. 5
49th (08-KB)	3.26 days	1.83 days	Sept. 12
50th (08-14)	-3.50 days	-1.15 days	Sept. 5

### WING SORTIE BOARD

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-6	2,029	2,037	25,617
T-1A	750	705	10,645
T-38C	718	592	10,270
AT-38C	170	154	2,725

Graduation speaker: retired Lt. Gen. Garry Trexler, former 7th Air Force commander, Pacific Air Forces, Osan AB, South Korea



## Ways to recycle fluorescent bulbs

**Renae Fischer**

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Columbus AFB uses approximately 2,175 pounds of fluorescent bulbs each year.

Everyone knows that using fluorescent bulbs can save a significant amount of energy and money. What most people don't realize is that these "energy efficient" bulbs can be harmful to humans and the environment if they are not handled and disposed of properly. Fluorescent bulbs still contain items such as fluorine, neon, lead powder, and mercury, which can leach out of landfills and contaminate drinking water and soil. However, when used and disposed of properly, fluorescent bulbs can save energy, money and landfill space.

The proper method of storing used bulbs at Columbus AFB is to place the used four foot and shorter bulbs in a "used bulb

container". This is a cardboard cylinder that is provided by the Environmental Flight and maintained by each facility manager. Larger bulbs, six and eight feet, should be placed back into the original bulb box and kept closed. When the container is full the facility manager should notify "Base Recycling" at 434-7406 for pickup.

Here are some basic keys to managing your fluorescent bulbs:

- Any container of used bulbs shall be labeled with a "Universal Waste" label
  - Each container of bulbs shall be dated when the first bulb is put into container
  - All containers of used bulbs shall be kept closed
- Contact the base recycling center at 434-7406 for containers, labels or a pickup. For more information, call Mike Blythe at 434-7353.

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## 14 FTW Commander's Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Management



ROGER H. WATKINS, Colonel, USAF  
Commander

**SUBJECT: Environment, Safety and Occupational Health (ESOH) Management**

1. Columbus Air Force Base's mission is to build the world's best warriors, leaders and professional military pilots. We are committed to conducting this mission in an environmentally safe and responsible manner that will protect human health, natural resources and the environment. This commitment goes beyond compliance and encompasses the integration of sound environment, safety and occupational health (ESOH) practices into our daily decisions and activities.

2. In support of our ESOH goals, we shall:

- a. Comply with applicable federal, state, local and Air Force environmental, safety and occupational health laws, standards and other requirements.
- b. Continually assess Columbus AFB activities to determine ESOH aspects and hazards and their subsequent impact on the environment and safety of our personnel. Identify significant impacts and risks and ensure they are considered when establishing mission objectives and targets.
- c. Actively seek opportunities for pollution prevention, waste reduction and safe work practices.
- d. Sustain the resource base through responsible use of water, energy, alternative fuels and environmentally friendly products and services.
- e. Strive for continual improvement in our ESOH performance.

3. Compliance with these ESOH goals is the responsibility of every member of the Columbus Air Force Base community in accordance with his or her role and responsibilities in the organization.

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## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time,  
34 BLAZE TEAM  
members are  
deployed worldwide.  
Remember to support  
the Airmen and their  
families while they  
are away.



## Purchase tickets for the AF Ball by Sept. 8, contact your group POC:

**14th Operations Group:**  
Capt. Richard McElhaney  
at 434-7258

**14th Mission Support Group:**  
1st Lt. Steven Payne at  
434-7094

**14th Medical Group:**  
Airman 1st Class Jennifer  
Callahan at 434-2411

**14th Wing Staff Agencies:**  
2nd Lt. Adam Rudd at  
434-7001



# Voting away from home: CAFB has you covered

**Lt. Col. Dean Stephens**  
14th Flying Training Wing Inspector General  
and Wing Voting Officer

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act was established to ensure that your voice is heard...whether stationed away from your state of residence or deployed halfway around the world serving your country. Each unit here at Columbus AFB has a Unit Voting Assistance Officer to help uniformed military members with their personal responsibility to register on time and to help assist with filling out a write-in ballot if the official ballot does not arrive in time.

Here is your U.S. Government 101 review:  
542 Federal offices: President, Vice President, 100 U.S. Senators (two from each state), 435 U.S. Representatives, four delegates to the House of Representatives from U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, and one Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.  
U.S. Senators serve six-year terms, with one-third of

**Group Voter Representatives**  
Wing Staff Agencies: Maj. JayCee Stennis x2496  
  
Medical Group: 1st Lt. William Sherman x2380  
  
Mission Support Group: 2nd Lt. Steven Lewis x2692  
  
Operations Group: Maj. Erivn Powers x7522

them up for election every even-numbered year. U.S. Representatives serve two-year terms, with the entire House up for election every even-numbered year.  
So, how does this stack up for election 2008? This year we're voting for President/Vice President, (35) U.S. Senators, (435) U.S. Representatives and (1,000s) of State/Local offices and Questions/referenda. No small feat! The absentee voting program is one of those diamonds in the rough of government programs. They've gone out of their way to make it as easy as possible for any individual

from any state to be able to vote when not in their state of residency. The first step is to get registered! The second step is to get your ballot, fill it in and mail it.  
The Military Postal Service Agency recommends that citizens voting from states and territories with late primaries use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. Mail in the write-in ballot to ensure it is received by local election offices in time for the Nov. 4 General Election.  
States and territories with late primaries include: Alaska, Arizona, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Virgin Islands, Vermont, Wisconsin, Washington, and Wyoming.  
This article was to serve as a reminder for you to get with your UVAO for you (and your voting age dependents') absentee voting needs. Armed Forces Voters Week is Aug. 31 through Sept. 7. Anticipate increased publicity and contact during that week across the base as we help ensure you sent in the registration card all UVAOs passed out back in January.



U.S. Air Force photo

The 14th Flying Training Wing would like to congratulate the newest First Term Airman Course graduates. Pictured are: (front) Airman 1st Class Alyssa Horton, 14th Operation Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Justin Lane, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Airman 1st Class Oscar Samame, 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron and class leader; (back) Airman 1st Class Arlington Terry, 14th OSS; Airman Nathan Boston, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Airman 1st Class Reese McCue, 14th OSS.

## Congratulations Staff Sergeants!

The 14th Flying Training Wing would like to congratulate the following Senior Airmen that were selected for promotion to Staff Sergeant:  
**Ronnie Booth**, 14th Operations Support Squadron; **Keith Brown**, 14th Communications Squadron; **Ashley Freeman**, 332nd Recruiting Squadron; **Darnell Gillie**, 14th OSS; **Michael Harris**, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; **James Hawk**, 14th OSS; **John Hearn**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; **Henry Jones**, 14th Security Forces Squadron; **Christopher Keeton**, 14th MDOS; **Remy Leguin**, 14th Medical Support Squadron; **Timothy Martinez**, 14th OSS; **Theodore Owens**, 14th SFS; **Charles Patterson**, 14th OSS; **Jamey Pritchard**, 332nd REC; **Lacey Schafer**, 14th OSS; **Nathan Shaw**, 14th CES; **Ashley Taylor-Bailey**, 14th MDOS; **Joseph White**, 14th CES.  
Columbus AFB had an overall selection rate of 23.90 percent.

## National impaired driving Labor Day crackdown

Submitted by the 14th Flying Training Wing Safety Office

During the Labor Day holiday, many of you will be off-base, enjoying time with family and friends. Remember that motor vehicle crashes are still the leading cause of death and serious injury for all military personnel, and most of those crashes take place off-base. In 2006, there were 505 traffic deaths over the Labor Day weekend alone, and 48 percent of those were alcohol related.  
Impaired driving is a deadly crime with serious consequences, and from Aug. 15 to Sept. 1, base and local law enforcement will be out in intensified force for the National Impaired Driving Crackdown, **Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.** This campaign promotes high-visibility enforcement coinciding with the Labor Day holiday to get impaired drivers off the streets and highways.

Please join our state's law enforcement in the fight against drunk driving. Your Commanding Officer expects you to know and obey state laws in your POV over the holiday weekend, as well as every time you are off-base. Remind your fellow service members to celebrate wisely by setting a good example with your own behavior; if you drink alcohol, plan ahead — designate a driver, take public transportation, or spend the night where you are. Also, always wear your safety belt; it's your best defense against an impaired driver or other hazards on the road.  
Drinking and driving is not worth the consequences. Violators could face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, and numerous other expenses from attorney fees, fines, court costs, car towing, and repairs.  
Have a good holiday, but be smart and play it safe. **Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.**

## TDY per mile rate increases

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas --** In response to the mid-year rise in gasoline prices, the General Service Administration raised the temporary duty mileage rate from \$0.505 per mile to \$0.585. The increase applies to all uniformed personnel and civilian employees traveling on official business by privately owned automobile or motorcycle, effective Aug. 1.  
The GSA amended the Federal Travel Regulation and announced the increase July 28 following mileage rate increases established by the Internal Revenue Service. Personnel receive the TDY mileage rate when no government owned vehicle is available.  
For more information logon to the GSA Web site <<http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/e/p/home.do?tabId=0>> and select links under Travel Resources.

## ROSER

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able to excel. No matter how advanced the technology becomes, the people are the ones that get the work done.  
The general first enlisted in the Air

Force and then gained his commission after completing Officer Training School as a distinguished graduate in 1971. He then went on to fly CH-3s at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and then C-141s at Charleston AFB, N.C. He has also flown the C-17, C-5 and KC-10.

## Military StarSM card proves savings at the pumps

DALLAS - Army & Air Force Exchange Service gas stations in CONUS, Alaska and Puerto Rico are being programmed to reflect a discount of three cents a gallon for drivers who pay with a Military StarSM Card.

"Anytime a customer uses a bank issued debit or credit card, the retailer pays a portion of the transaction to a third party financial institution," said AAFES' Chief of Corporate Communications Lt. Col. Dean Thurmond "Because the Military StarSM Card is administered by the Exchange Credit Program, AAFES is not subject to the additional fees incurred through other 'pay at the pump' options. As a result, we're able to pass savings on to authorized exchange shoppers."

The three cent a gallon discount is currently being applied to transactions at 13 installations (Minneapolis-St. Paul JARS,

Columbus AFB, Redstone Arsenal, Ft. Indiantown Gap, Fort Gordon, Patrick AFB, Robins AFB, USMA, Laughlin AFB, Yuma Proving Ground, Mountain Home AFB and Nellis AFB, MacDill, Scott, JRB Carswell). All remaining facilities in CONUS, Alaska and Puerto Rico will receive software upgrades Monday evening and are expected to begin applying the three cent a gallon discount as of Tuesday.

"I encourage drivers during the first week or so of this new effort, to touch base with the attendant at their local gas station to ensure the software upgrades have taken effect before fueling up," said Thurmond.

Officials hope to extend the Military StarSM Card three cent a gallon discount at all AAFES facilities, but do not have a time table for worldwide implementation at this time.



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. George Fowler

**Senior Airman Danielle Hill, 14th Flying Training Wing, saves money at the AAFES pump by using her Military Star Card. Personnel using their Star Cards at the AAFES pump will save 3 cents per gallon of gas.**

The 14th Flying Training Wing would like to congratulate **Capt. Genevieve Stratton**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, for her recent selection for promotion to the grade of major. A job well done!



## Judge Advocate General's Corps announces law school programs

**Submitted by Maj. Daniel Olson**  
14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate

Applications for the Funded Legal Education Program and Excess Leave Program are being accepted from Jan. 1 through March 1. Interested officers are encouraged to compete. It may seem early to start thinking about applying, but now's the time, since there are a host of requirements that must be completed before the application period opens.

"Our Air Force missions are constantly changing, and commanders deserve to have access to legal advisors with a broad background of military experiences," said Colonel Robin Moro, the Chief of the Professional Development Division in the Office of The Judge Advocate General. "The FLEP and ELP will ensure that we can continue to maintain a Corps of officers whose military experience compliments their legal training, providing commanders with the highest caliber of legal support."

In addition to prosecuting and defending clients brought before courts-martial, JAG officers routinely participate in nearly every facet of the Air Force mission, including developing and acquiring weapons systems, ensuring availability of airspace and ranges where those systems are tested and operated, consulting with commanders about how those systems are employed in armed conflict, and assisting commanders in the day-to-day running of military installations around the world.

"Every facet of every Air Force mission is bound by elements of the law," Colonel Moro said.

The FLEP is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force commissioned officers. The FLEP is an assignment action, and participants receive full pay, allowances, and tuition. FLEP applicants must have between

two and six years active duty service (enlisted or commissioned) and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the day they begin law school. The FLEP is subject to tuition limitations, and positions may be limited due to overall funding availability. The Air Force Institute of Technology tuition limit for FY09 is expected to be set at approximately \$10,000 per year.

The ELP is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers. ELP participants do not receive pay and allowances, but remain on active duty for retirement eligibility and benefits purposes. ELP applicants must have between two and ten years active duty service and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the first day of law school.

Applications for FY09 FLEP and ELP will be accepted from Jan. 1 through March 1. Both the FLEP and ELP require attendance at an American Bar Association approved law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law in the highest court of any state, territory of the United States, or a federal court, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates. To be considered for FLEP or ELP, applicants must have completed all application forms, applied (acceptance is not required at the time of application for FLEP/ELP) to at least one ABA approved law school, received their Law School Admissions Test results, and completed a Staff Judge Advocate interview by March 1. Officers must also provide a letter of conditional release from their current career field. Selection for both programs is competitive.

Applications meet a selection board in early March, and selections are made based on a review of the entire application package using a "whole person" concept. AFI 51-101, *Judge Advocate Accession Program*, Chapters 2 and 3, discuss the FLEP and ELP. For more information and application materials, visit [www.airforce.com/jag](http://www.airforce.com/jag), contact the base legal office at 434-7030.

## Chapel Fall Programs

### Tuesday Evenings

6 p.m. — Financial Peace University: This is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace. A Dave Ramsey Study. Led by Chaplain Logan

7 p.m. — Believing God: Women's Bible Study originating from a concept introduced in Isaiah 43:10, "Believing God," examines what it means to believe God rather than only believe in Him. Participants study the lives of Abraham and others from Hebrews 11 as examples of people who believed God. This study parallels a personal journey Beth took in coming to understand

what I means to believe God. A Beth Moore Study

### Wednesday Evenings

5 p.m. — Pot Luck Dinner: The main dish will be provided, if you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

6 p.m. — Pioneer Club: For ages 3 years to 7th grade. Children learn how to apply Christ in every aspect of their lives, with crafts, games, Bible Adventure and badges making this is a winning combination of fun and learning.

6 p.m. — Revelations: Interactive Bible Study on Apocalyptic Literature. We will look at selected texts from Daniel, Ezekiel and others, and then proceed to Revelation. We will look at the message and spirit of the writings and apply that mes-

sage to our lives and world today. Bring your Bible. Led by Chaplain Logan

6 p.m. — iBelieve: Religion, church and theology. Don't like what you hear? Just hit shuffle and find something else. Whatever seems right at the time will do. We're all about free speech, independent thought, and lots of choices. But when it comes to God, can we really pick and choose based on culture and preference? iBelieve uncovers the groundwork of basic biblical teaching that believers have owned for centuries

Discover new freedoms in God's foundational laws and non-negotiable truths. This is the stuff of Christianity. Led by Chaplain Montoya

6 p.m. — Bible Study on Video: The Parables of Christ. Develop your faith through the parables Jesus taught his followers with in this hour long video study. Led by Gregg Havens

6 p.m. — Active Duty Air Force: Learn how to live your faith in the Air Force. Led by Maj. Tom Marlin

6 p.m. — Youth Group Bible Study: The youth will explore the aspects of Christ and learn how to use them in their lives. The youth will also have opportunities to be involved in many extra activities ie. shopping trips, weekend retreats, service projects and more. Come find out what it's all about. Led By Elbert Bowser

### Thursday Evening

7 p.m. — SUPT Ladies Bible Study: Study the Word of God with your contemporaries. Led by Paige Keiser

For more information on these or any other Chapel programs, please call 434-2500.



# Reporting Sexual Assault



There are three different methods people can use to report sexual assault.  
It's vital you know the difference!

## 1. Unrestricted

- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care
- ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement **are notified** immediately
- ◆ Investigation initiated
- ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim
- ◆ Victim receives counseling
- ◆ No confidentiality. Commander will determine course of action in cases of bilateral misconduct after investigation

## 2. Restricted

- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care
- ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement **are not notified**
- ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim
- ◆ Victim receives counseling
- ◆ Victim can make unrestricted reporting decisions afterward
- ◆ Victim has confidentiality even if there is bilateral misconduct on his or her part, such as underage drinking

## 3. Independent

- ◆ Third-party reporting is an inherent responsibility of all military personnel. If a victim tells anyone who subsequently notifies OSI or Law Enforcement, or if someone observes the assault and notifies Law Enforcement, an investigation may be launched. This can occur in conjunction with or regardless of restricted reporting.

**If Law Enforcement is contacted, the report is automatically unrestricted.**

*Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at*  
**Office:** (662) 434-2875 or (662) 434-1130 **Cell:** (662) 386-0811  
**24/7 On-Call Hotline:** (662) 364-0822



## Commander sets sights on 19 AF future

**Airman 1st Class Katie Hickerson**  
12th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – The 19th Air Force commander has been at the helm now for a few weeks and has had a chance to form some first impressions and fine-tune his vision for the command.

Major Gen. Greg Feest, who took command July 30, said the 19th AF team is up to the task of moving the command forward.

"I am extremely impressed by the professionalism of the men and women in 19th Air Force, Air Education and Training Command Headquarters, our host wing, the 12th Flying Training Wing, and all of the wings in the 19th Air Force," General Feest said. "These men and women wake up in the morning and enjoy accomplishing the mission. My duty is to make sure this attitude continues and to make sure everyone in the command has what he or she needs to work at such high levels."

The 19th AF includes more than 38,000 people, operates more than 1,700 aircraft and flies nearly 500,000 hours annually. The headquarters is responsible for the execution of Air Force initial qualification and follow-on combat crew flying training programs and conducts annual air crew standardization and evaluation visits.

In discussing his vision for the command, General Feest said, "I want to continue to perform our mission in an exemplary manner to produce the best aircrews and air battle managers for the combatant commanders."

General Feest served previously on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon as deputy director for force application in the Directorate of Force Structure, Resources and Assessment, where he was responsible for ensuring warfighters received the equipment they needed to conduct combat operations.

"My mission here is to make sure we're giving the Airmen the training they need, to not only support today's war, but also wars of the future," the general explained.

Within 19th AF, 22 active duty, guard and reserve organizations provide specialized and joint undergraduate pilot training, joint undergraduate combat systems officer training, intro-



U.S. Air Force photo

**Major Gen. Greg Feest, 19th Air Force commander, smiles during an interview in his office at Randolph AFB, Texas. General Feest took command of the 19th Air Force July 30, succeeding Maj. Gen. Irving Halter.**

duction to fighter and bomber fundamental training, air battle management training, and initial and instructor enlisted aircrew member training, to name a few. In all, 19th AF trains more than 25,000 students annually.

As the Air Force becomes leaner and must complete more tasks with fewer resources, General Feest said he will posture the command to overcome training challenges as they move programs forward.

"The rated manning issue is a big priority for me," General Feest said. "The requirement is going up every day, so it's my goal to figure out, along with AETC, how we're going to train the aircrews and air battle managers we need today and in the future. With dwindling resources, we will have to be smart."

Over the next year, General Feest said he will visit each of the bases in 19th AF, and plans to meet with senior leaders, civilians, contractors and Airmen to discuss their issues.

"All of us are in our Air Force because we believe in what we're doing," he said. "I have been both excited and humbled to have been given the opportunity to take this command. I've seen nothing but professionalism and a can-do attitude from everyone on the team. I can think of no greater privilege than to be your commander."

## Airman's Roll Call

**Programs help spouses find employment**

Spouses fulfill a unique role in our Air Force, providing support for the military member who has answered the call to serve. However, today's fiscal reality—coupled with a desire to seek personal and professional fulfillment—sends many spouses in search of their own careers. Spouse employment opportunities are increasingly crucial to the recruitment and retention of Airmen, as many families need two incomes to maintain their quality of life.

The Airman & Family Readiness Center has employment assistance services to meet the challenges spouses face in training for and finding suitable positions in their chosen career fields.

Here are some services your local A&FRC provides:

- Classes and individual consultation on career planning and personal development, resume writing, interviewing skills and all other phases of the job search process
- Resource centers with guided access to computers; laser printers; internet information on jobs, careers and job search skills; and local and long distance job listings in the public and private sectors
- Air Force Aid sponsors grants every year and funds programs at selected installations to train spouses in transportable skills like medical transcription and operating a home or virtual business
- A&FRC staff constantly network with local employers and human resource managers to promote the military spouse as a prime candidate for employment. They also partner with colleges, school districts and other community organizations to offer career fairs and other employment opportunities

- Department of Defense initiatives such as Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (CAA) and Spouses to Teachers programs are also available to spouses. CAA

offers grants for training, education and licensure in selected, easily transportable career fields. Spouses to Teachers provides information and referral to spouses planning a teaching career. For more information about spouse employment, contact your local A&FRC.

*Airman's Roll Call is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors, and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams.*

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<http://www.af.mil/library/viewpoints/>

## Mobility Airmen deliver aid to Georgia

**Capt. Shilo Weir**  
Air Mobility Command  
Public Affairs

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill.** – Air Force mobility Airmen and aircraft delivered more than 78 tons of humanitarian aid supplies Aug. 13 and 14 to the people of the Republic of Georgia.

Two Air Force C-17 Globemaster IIIs carried relief supplies including medical items, blankets, sheets, cots, air mattresses and sleeping bags from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, to Tbilisi International Airport to aid Georgian citizens in their time of crisis.

"The flexibility of our mobility forces allowed our nation to respond quickly

to the Republic of Georgia's request for assistance," said Gen. Arthur Lichte, commander of Air Mobility Command.

The C-17s, based at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., were flown by aircrews from the 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del., and the 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J.

Mobility Airmen came together on the ground and worked around the clock for 36-hours to prepare the humanitarian supplies on airlift pallets and load the C-17s. The emergency shelter items and medical supplies were provided from State Department stock at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center in Pirmasens, Germany.

Officials from Air Mobility

Command partnered with the European Command and the United States Air Forces in Europe to expedite relief for the Georgian people, in support of the U.S. response.

"Air mobility brings a unique tool to our nation and its partners," said General Lichte. "It underwrites our ability to project power and reach and allows us to provide assistance to those in need."

General Lichte noted that air mobility has a long history, dating back 60 years to the famed Berlin Airlift, of providing humanitarian relief that provides lessons and insights that continue to be applied by today's mobility Airmen.



# Airmen help Iraqi pilot earn his wings

**Staff Sgt. Andrea Thacker**  
AFCEC Public Affairs —  
Combined Air and Space  
Operations Center

**KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq** — Dressed in a tan flight suit adorned with the Iraqi flag, an L.A. Dodgers hat and aviator sunglasses, one pilot is helping his country take a step closer to having an independent air force.

With help from U.S. Airmen, Iraqi air force Maj. Thagel took his last training flight prior to being certified as a mission commander, or pilot, in the Iraqi air force July 20.

"The mission with my American instructors was the last step before I can become pilot in command," said Major Thagel, a 35-year-old Iraqi C-208 or Cessna Caravan pilot.

Major Thagel is helping lay the foundation for an autonomous Iraqi air force, said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Terry Wheeler, 870th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron director of operations and one of Major Thagel's instructors.

His last training flight took Major Thagel, Colonel Wheeler and an Iraqi mission sensor operator to northern Iraq to gather intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance photos of critical electrical infrastructure.

During the flight, Major Thagel demonstrated his ability to coordinate air space with air traffic controllers, practice emergency procedures and to perform touch and go landings.

"Our whole focus here is to get them to

the point where they can accomplish their missions without U.S. Air Force help," said Lt. Col. Jean Havens, 870th AEAS commander and Major Thagel's evaluator on his upgrade check ride. "By training them to become mission commanders, we can step back and let them take control."

To become a mission commander in Iraqi Squadron Three, the upgradee must meet several requirements. First, he must be checked as a first pilot or co-pilot, requiring the upgradee to process basic knowledge of flying aircraft, radio, checklist and emergency procedures and he must accumulate 100 hours flying as a first pilot.

After these requirements have been met, the Iraqi Squadron commander will recommend the first pilot for upgrade.

"He did very well on his check ride," Colonel Havens said. "We did a mission and observed 500 electrical towers from Kirkuk to Baghdad. I basically judged how well he did while flying the aircraft while orchestrating the mission."

Most of the pilots have a basic knowledge of flying, but they haven't flown in several years, she added.

Major Thagel learned to fly when he attended the Iraqi Air Force College in 1993.

The Iraqi major explained that during Saddam's regime, pilots flew old aircraft and were given limited control over their missions.

"The American instructors are helping us fly new aircraft and showing us different operating and training procedures,"



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon

**An Iraqi pilot walks to a Iraqi C-208 Cessna Caravan for his last training ride with U.S Air Force Lt. Col. Terry Wheeler from the 870th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, July 19. Colonel Wheeler is an instructor pilot training Iraqi pilots to fly the C-208 Cessna Caravan. The Caravan is equipped with a surveillance package for intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance work.**

said Major Thagel. "They are teaching us how to fly Cessna Caravans with ISR capabilities and how to use these new systems in order to save our country."

"The Iraqis here in the Iraqi Squadron Three have the capability to do everything on their own except evaluate their own training; at this point, we're here to facilitate the training aspect," Colonel Wheeler said. "The 870th AEAS helps to advise and continue the progress from the training squadron. Our responsibility is huge -- we are charged with helping the Iraqi air force become self sustaining."

There are 25 pilots and co-pilots in Iraqi Squadron Three; Major Thagel is one of six Iraqi pilots who have become Cessna Caravan mission commanders with training from U.S. Airmen.

"I take great pride in what I do here. By training these pilots, we are helping a nation rebuild itself and being a part of that is incredibly rewarding," said Colonel Havens.

"I love this mission. These guys are like my family," said Colonel Havens. "This is my second tour with these guys. It is neat to be a part of the rebirth of a country's air force. I love it!"

## Travis, California firefighters extinguish blaze



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shaun Emery

**Airman 1st Class Matthew Johnston uses a P-24 engine mass deck gun to knock down flames on an unoccupied houses destroyed by an eight-alarm fire Aug. 16 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Heavy winds caused the fire, which originated outside the base, to spread to a section of base housing that was scheduled to be demolished. Airman Johnston is a Travis AFB firefighter.**

## Iraqi soldiers taught 'strength through truth' in PA course

**Iraqi and coalition forces visit children at a nearby village in Baghdad, Iraq, to hand out toys, play soccer and read to the boys and girls. The students from the Iraqi Special Operations Forces each wrote a feature story and took photos of the event as part of their public affairs photo-journalism course.**



Iraqi army photo by Iraqi Special Operations Forces public affairs officer



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# Lorenz on Leadership: Look into their eyes

## General Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

If we want the Air Force to be a family, we must do what a family does—care for one another.

At a recent conference for new squadron commanders, a commander's spouse asked me a great question. "What is the one thing we can do to make the most difference for our people?"

My answer was simple. It's not a program or an event. You have to care for them. You will make mistakes as a leader, and sometimes you will encounter situations where there are no good answers, but if your people know that you care for them, they will overlook and forgive your faults. If you are sincere, they will respond by giving you their all.

So how do you show those around you that you care about them? Here's a simple way. Ask them how they are doing, and while you are listening, watch their eyes. Why?



Effective leaders understand that *the eyes are the window into the soul*.

Many of us don't want to admit when we're having problems. We want to be strong, or we don't think our problems are big enough to talk about. When asked how we are doing, most of us will respond with the typical, "I'm fine."

In the Air Force, we are fortunate. The vast majority of our folks are inherently honest. While we may say we're "fine," because that is the culturally acceptable thing to do, our eyes will not lie. If someone isn't fine, you will see it.

And that's when you take the time to ask again, maybe in a slightly different way. You may have to ask several times. Take the time to do this. It's important.

For example, in the morning you may pass Airman Jones in the hallway and ask him how he is doing. Although he says "fine," he doesn't really look at you.

This is your chance to make a difference. Don't miss it. "How is your family doing?" you ask. Airman Jones

quickly answers with "They're OK," but he still doesn't look at you. Don't quit. Stop and look him in the eye. "You look like something's on your mind, are you sure you're ok?" Try to get him to talk, always looking at his eyes for important clues.

The fact is that we're not always OK. We all have issues in our lives such as relationships that turn sour, kids that aren't behaving at school, financial problems, or sick parents. These things weigh on our minds, and they can affect our performance. They can even lead us to contemplate irrational thoughts, lash out, leave those we love, or take our own lives. Unfortunately, we've had several people in the Air Force who have taken that road recently.

We are all leaders because we influence those around us. We can help make our Air Force a stronger family by showing each other that we care. Chances are that all of the people you work with have something in their lives that troubles them. Take the time to ask them how they are doing—watch their eyes when they answer.

## Can you look at yourself in the mirror at the end of the day

### Master Sgt. George Evans

14th Medical Group and 14th Wing Staff Agencies  
First Sergeant

As a First Sergeant, I'm constantly wondering if I've done all I can do in dealing with a particular situation. Did I ask all the questions that I needed to ask? Was there anything else that I could have done? Did I give the commander the right advice? Did I give the Airman the same? Well, doing a job that is all about core values, I do question myself sometimes. There doesn't seem to be a textbook out there that covers every situation that might arise. Sometimes there isn't an easy answer. That point is difficult to convey at times. Sometimes the answer isn't the one they want to hear. The honest truth can be difficult for some to realize. Regardless of the situation and whatever the answer might seem to be, I've always been able to look at myself in a mirror and know that I've done my job to the best of my ability.

My job is about people and being able to assist, advise and mentor. I need all Airmen to feel comfortable in approaching me with any issue they

might have. Sometimes my word is all I have. If you can't trust your shirt, then who can you trust? That trust enables me to do my job affectively. But if they want help and aren't afraid of the truth then they've come to the right place. Airmen taking responsibility for their actions are the key to their successes and failures.

Also, you have to realize that things might not work out the way we had planned. Your day might get a little longer because there are phone calls that have to be made and not everyone works in the same time zone. Or you are waiting for email replies. Or, someone just needs to talk and late in the day is the best and only time to get together. Regardless of the situation, Airmen also need to understand that their issue is important no matter what time it is.

Which brings me back to the mirror...at the end of the day, can you look at yourself in the mirror and say that you did the best you could? Did you go the extra mile? By using our core values, integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do, hopefully that face staring back at you says "yes."



## Uniform inspires act of honoring Airmen

### Master Sgt. Donna Walle

56th Medical Group

**LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz.** — On a recent trip to a bookstore, I was approached by a man in his late 30s to early 40s.

He seemed nervous and upset; avoiding eye contact and shifting his weight from one foot to the other. My guard went up immediately. In 22 years of military service, I've heard some negative things said about the military, my branch of service, my choice of occupation given my gender, and the general displeasure with government policy at large. The challenge has always been not to take these statements personally.

In the early '90s at the height of Operation Desert Storm, I came up with the following response, delivered as non-confrontationally as possible. "You seem to be very passionate about this and I take pride in helping defend your right to voice an opinion different from my own." Trust me when I say it works like a charm 99 percent of the time.

So here I was, ready with my trusty response, when the gentleman looked up at me, his eyes brimming with tears, and said, "I recently lost my brother in Iraq. I don't want to talk about it because it's still too

fresh, but it would mean the world to me if you would allow me to purchase those for you."

I was dumbstruck. I blinked back the tears welling up in my own eyes and tried desperately to keep my voice under control despite the lump quickly forming in my throat. I thanked him and walked to the waiting cashier.

When the transaction was completed, he thanked me several times. I shook his hand saying how sorry I was for his loss and thanked him for his generosity. He looked me directly in the eyes and said, with a smile spread across his face that emanated from deep within, "No, no ... thank you!"

To say I was humbled by this does not do justice to the experience itself. For that brief moment, I had the honor of representing something good and decent for this man who had suffered a deep personal loss. It reminded me once again never to take lightly what this uniform represents to those who see me wear it. For some, it can be a negative symbol of all that's wrong with the world, but for others it represents a beacon of hope and so much more.

May you wear your uniform with pride wherever you go. Always remember, you represent so much more than just the name embroidered above your right breast pocket.



# Looking back on CAFB's Striking Snakes

**2nd Lt. George Fowler**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Each of the six flying training squadrons located at Columbus AFB has a unique history.

While some squadrons dedicate a single room to their heritage, the 50th Flying Training Squadron "Striking Snakes" displays their heritage with pride along the walls of their hallways.

The 50th Flying Training Squadron began as the 50th Pursuit Squadron Jan. 5, 1941. The squadron flew P-40s from Hamilton Field, Calif., patrolling the west coast. The new and improved P-38 Lightning was delivered to the 50th PS in August 1941. After receiving their new inventory, the squadron was assigned to the 342nd in Reykjavik, Iceland, flying coastal patrols.

While flying these costal patrols, four members of the squadron were given credit for shooting down German aircraft. In February 1944, the 50th PS was reassigned to the 8th Air Force and attached to the 802nd Reconnaissance Group, where they took part in actions in the European, African and Mediterranean Theaters. The squadron was disbanded twice and was reactivated once over the

next several years until it was redesignated the 50th Flying Training Squadron March 22, 1972. Just over two months later, June 1, the 50th FTS joined the 14th Flying Training Wing at Columbus AFB where it has resided since.

The 50th FTS produces approximately 100 new pilots every year, superbly trained in the T-38 Talon. Students in the 50th FTS receive more than 100 hours of flight instruction in the Talon covering areas such as advanced aircraft handling and fluid maneuvering. Emphasis is also placed on two and four-ship formation flying.

Walking down the halls of the squadron and looking at the different displays, it is plain to see that the 50th FTS has a proud heritage. One of the squadron's greatest members is Lt. Col. Richard "Gene" Smith, Jr., who served as operations officer and squadron commander for the 50th FTS. Colonel Smith served 22 years in the Air Force. On his 33rd combat mission over Vietnam, flying the F-105D, Colonel Smith was shot down and spent more than five years as a prisoner of war. His awards include

two Silver Stars, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Legion of Merit, two Air Medals, two Purple Hearts, the POW Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. Photos of Colonel Smith, along with the photos of five other POWs, can be found in the heritage hall of the 50th FTS.

The Striking Snakes recently received letters detailing the history of the squadron during the 1940s. The letters were donated by retired Maj. Thomas Youngsworth, who had been given the letters by his father retired Lt. Col. Carl Youngsworth. Colonel Youngsworth was a member of the squadron during those years.

"The 50th Flying Training Squadron is very proud of our heritage and the men and women who served before us. To receive a real-life historic squadron diary from someone with such a personal tie to it makes the connection that much more tangible. We are extremely fortunate to have been re-united with such an amazing and invaluable part of our past," said Lt. Col. JJ Menozzi, 50th FTS commander.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Danielle Hill  
The artwork "Thud Ridge" portrays the F-105D in the first official attack of the Vietnam War. This print is signed by past members of the 50th Flying Training Squadron to include Lt. Col. Richard "Gene" Smith, Jr. of which the plaza at Columbus AFB is named after.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Danielle Hill

(left) Airman First Class Antonio Savage holds the squadron mascot of the 50th Flying Training Squadron "Striking Snakes." (right) Plaques featuring the patches of former Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training classes line the hallways of the 50th Flying Training Squadron. The 50th FTS flies the T-38C Talon in phase two of pilot training.



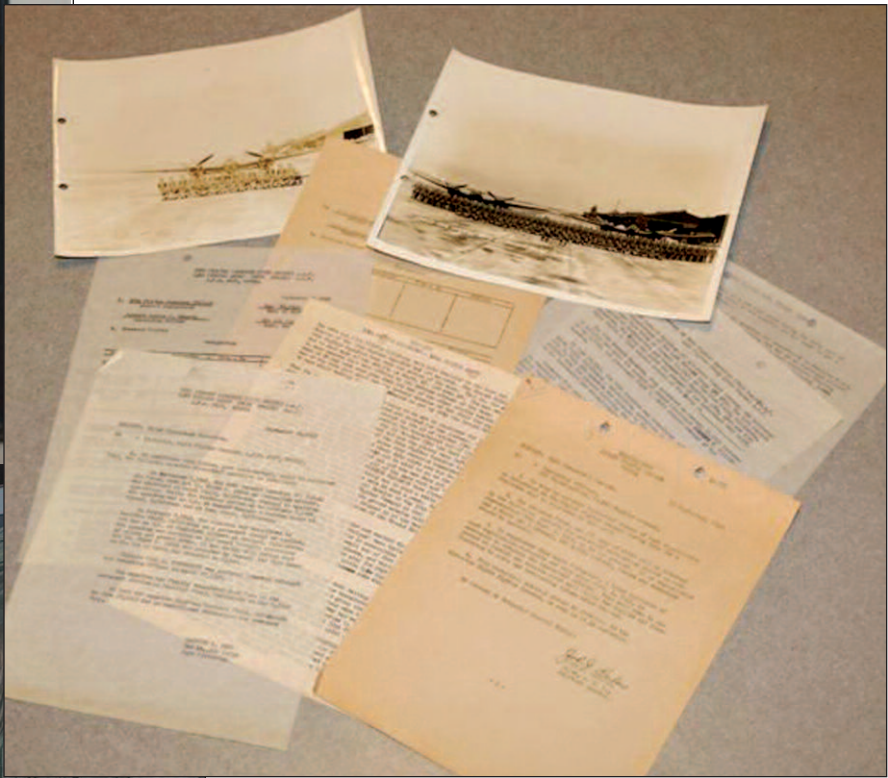
U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Danielle Hill  
(above) This display is dedicated to the POW's and MIA's of the 50th Flying Training Squadron. These individuals include Lt. Col. Gene Smith and Capt. George Lockhart. (right) After ejecting safely from a low-level incident last year, the tailfin of the aircraft that Maj. Bill Lester was flying is on display in the 50th FTS heritage room.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Danielle Hill



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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Danielle Hill  
Recently, retired Maj. Thomas Youngsworth donated the above historical documents which had been given to him by his father, retired Lt. Col. Carl Youngsworth. These pieces of heritage highlight the early days of the 50th FTS after its activation following Pearl Harbor. Colonel Youngsworth was a captain at the time in this squadron and collected these pieces of memorabilia which have now been returned to the squadron.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Danielle Hill  
A snake skin is presented over the bar in the 50th Flying Training Squadron's heritage room. Etched in the glass is the squadron patch and the slogan "Remember your heritage."



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Danielle Hill  
One of the many displays throughout the hallways of the 50th Flying Training Squadron containing pictures of old squadron members and trophies won. Lt. Col. Youngsworth is depicted in the picture frame directly beneath the air craft models. These pictures are part of the Youngsworth collection.



The Old Line  
State's Base

Capt. Tony Wickman  
71st Flying Training Wing

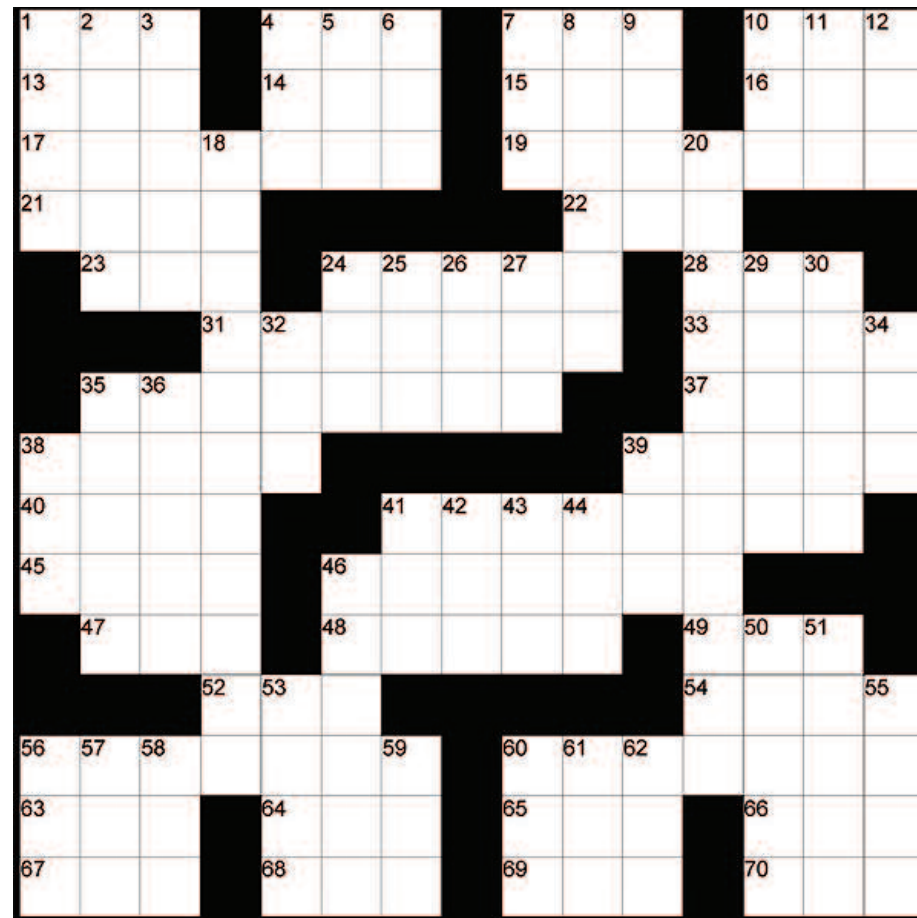
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1. 2001 computer  
4. Sheep's sound  
7. Oklahoma town  
10. Feline  
13. Org. supporting US Armed Forces overseas  
14. Sick  
15. Score for Tiger  
16. Bullring cheer  
17. Mansions  
19. Roof support  
21. Abominable snowman  
22. Fink  
23. Rocky pinnacle  
24. Destitute  
28. Music genre  
31. Stern overhang of a ship  
33. Middle East gulf  
35. Brig. Gen. Margaret \_\_; 89th AW commander at Old Line State base  
37. Small children  
38. Piece of glass  
39. Heart part  
40. 2002 Liotta film  
41. Col. Paul R. \_\_; 316th WG commander at Old Line State base  
45. Away from the wind









46. German siren  
47. Tokyo formerly  
48. Nonchalant  
49. Head movement  
52. Bother  
54. Fencing sword  
56. Aircraft control surface for roll or bank  
60. Lt. Gen. Frank Maxwell \_\_; Old Line State base namesake  
63. Mil. field food  
64. Cardinals great Brock  
65. Mil. duty status unknown  
66. Sen.'s congressional counter-part  
67. Dog or cat  
68. Canadian prov.  
69. Taxi  
70. Writer Rand

DOWN

1. UH-1; aircraft assigned to Old Line State base  
2. Benefit  
3. Gambling game  
4. Horse riding equipment  
5. Pub order  
6. USAF PME for E-4s  
7. Inclined  
8. "Chocolate Thunder" Dawkins  
9. Region  
10. Mil. bunk in the field  
11. Everything  
12. Golf prop  
18. VC-25; aircraft assigned to Old Line State base  
20. VC-137; former POTUS aircraft at Old Line State base  
24. 22°30' west of due north  
25. Greek letter  
26. Listening organ  
27. Accomplished  
29. Idolize  
30. Type of naval officer  
32. Compute  
34. US cryptologic org.  
35. Moby Dick was one  
36. Used a paddle  
38. John Wayne's airport, in brief?  
39. We \_\_ the Champions  
41. Internet provider  
42. \_\_-Magnon; early man  
43. Arkansas town SE of Little Rock  
44. Mythical being  
46. Body of water  
50. Musical entertainment  
51. Admiral of the Navy George \_\_  
53. A Guthrie  
55. Sports entertainment station  
56. Guitar need  
57. Fury  
58. Permit  
59. Acorn or pecan  
60. MAJCOM Old Line State base is assigned  
61. Actress Peeples  
62. Lump



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**INSTRUCTIONS:**To solve, place an enlisted rank into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram will contain every enlisted rank. In other words, no rank E1 – E9 may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the ranks already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
25	26	27	28	29	30/31
		09-14 Commanders Lunch 1100 @ Club  Lunch Bunch 1100-1400 @ Club	Dorm Dinner Pool Party 1700 @ Club  Enlisted Promotions 1530 @ Club	Blood Drive 0800-1600 @ Services Complex	Club Championship Golf Tournament @ Whispering Pines
1	2	3	4	5	6/7
Labor Day Holiday, CAFB Closed		Lunch Bunch 1100-1400 @ Club  09-07 Track Select 1700 @ Club	Newcomers Brief, @ Phillips Auditorium	ALS Reveille 0630 @ Smith Plaza  08-14 Grad retired Lt. Gen. Trexler, guest speaker	

Long Term Events:

Sept. 11 — United Way Day to Care  
Sept. 12 — IFF Graduation 1649 @ 49th FTS  
Sept. 12 — 08-15 Assignment Night/Crud  
Tournament @ Club  
Sept. 17 — ALS Graduation 1800 @ Club

Sept. 18 — Air Force Ball 1800 @ Trotter  
Convention Center  
Sept. 20 — BLAZE Race 0800 @ Fitness  
Center  
Sept. 23 — Welcome Home Celebration 1630  
@ Club



## Base Notes

### Scrapbooking

Are you looking for a good time to get started or finish up your scrapbooking? This is your chance. There will be a scrapbooking session Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Services building. Accessories will be provided along with refreshments and pizza. Volunteers are available to watch your children while you work.

### ASIST

There will be an ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Training) class at the Chapel Annex Sept. 11 and 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. All materials will be supplied. This course is highly recommended for commanders and supervisors at any level as well as all Airmen. This class is significantly more involved than the annual requirement and actually gives individuals the tools to engage at-risk persons, to assess risk levels, and get people in contact with the help they need. ASIST has a proven track record for saving lives and is the most highly rated program of its kind. Registration is limited. Contact Chaplain Logan at the Base Chapel to register at 434-2500 or 434-2943.

### Financial Peace University Class

The Base Chapel will offer a Financial Peace University Class weekly Tuesday nights beginning Sept. 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The course features DVD presentations by nationally syndicated financial advisor Dave Ramsey and will be facilitated by certified leaders. The class is open to all persons, but is specifically designed for couples who need guidance and support in making sound financial decisions for their present and future. The program is spiritually based, but is not a "Bible study". It offers a common sense approach on how to get out of debt and provide security. The program is free, but registration is required and space is limited. The program is 13 weeks. Contact Chaplain Logan at the Base Chapel to register at 434-2500 or 434-2943.

### Columbus AFB Retiree Appreciation

Columbus AFB Retiree Appreciation Day will be held on Sept. 27. This is an all day event starting at the Columbus Club at 9 a.m. with activities, information displays and a luncheon with 14th Medical group commander, Col. Diane Fletcher as the featured speaker. Following the luncheon, the Base Exchange and Commissary will feature some "Retiree" Specials in their locations. Please RSVP by Sept. 10 to the Retiree Affairs Office at 434-3120 or Lt. Steven Lewis at 434-2692.

## \$100 worth of free gas



U.S. Air Force photo by Mary Crump

**BLAZE 56 would like to congratulate Maj. Bill Fox, 48th Flying Training Squadron, who won the \$100 gas card giveaway. BLAZE 56 thanks the BLAZE team for all of the support. BLAZE 56 members Staff Sgt. Jamie Somers, 14th Force Support Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Anedra Davis, 14th Communications Squadron, are pictured here presenting the gas card to Major Fox.**

### Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

## Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790.)*

### Deployment Briefs

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

### Preseparation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to

separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

### Introduction to Computers

Learn the basics of computers, email, and the internet. This event is free and open to family members, active duty, retirees, NAF, civil service and contractors. The Class meets from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 26 to Sept. 4. Seats are limited so reserve your spot now. Call 434-2790.

### Keyboarding Computer Workshop

Learn how to effectively use a keyboard and increase your typing speed. It is free and open to family members, active duty, retirees, NAF, civil service, family members, and contractors. The class meets from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Tuesday to Sept. 4. Seats are limited so reserve your spot now. Call 434-2790.

### Last Week's Solutions

C-21	C-17	C-5		CV-22	HH-60	MH-53	KC-135	
C-130	HH-60	KC-10	KC-135	C-5	MH-53	C-21	C-17	CV-22
CV-22	KC-135		C-130	C-21	C-17	C-5	KC-10	HH-60
KC-135	MH-53	CV-22	C-17	C-130	KC-10	HH-60	C-21	C-5
KC-10		C-17	MH-53		C-21	C-130	CV-22	KC-135
HH-60	C-21	C-130	CV-22	KC-135	C-5	KC-10	MH-53	
C-5	KC-10	HH-60	C-21	C-17	KC-135	CV-22	C-130	MH-53
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### Medical Terminology Class

Learn medical terminology for business applications and employment. The class starts Tuesday and meets on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for eight weeks. Students are required to purchase a text book; the cost is approximately \$70. This class is open to family members, active duty, retirees, NAF, civil service, and contractors. Advance registration required. For more information, call Call 434-2790 or e-mail afrc@columbus.af.mil.

## Chapel Schedule

### Protestant

Sunday:

9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month.

### Catholic

Monday through Thursday  
7 a.m. — Mass

Thursday  
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:  
4:30 p.m. — Confession  
4:30 p.m. — Choir Practice  
5:30 p.m. — Mass

First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA classes are held Wednesday in conjunction with Pioneer Club.

The Catholic Parish Fellowship Dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

The Chapel will be offering a new line up of fall programs. For more information on these programs, see page 4 or call the Chapel at 434-2500.



**Prairie Arts Weekend:** The 13th annual Howlin' Wolf festival is held Aug. 29 at the Civic Center, 600 6th St. The festival is held in honor of the late Chester Arthur Burnett, a longtime West Point resident and blues legend who was known internationally as The Howlin' Wolf. Gates for the blues event open at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

The 30th annual Prairie Arts Festival is held Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown West Point. A melting pot of colorful arts and crafts, tantalizing food concessions, antiques, a large flea market and a variety of entertainment are in store for festival-goers to enjoy. Other events include a 5K run, a fine arts contest, Kidsville, antiques, crafts, gifts, food vendors, an antique car show, music stages and downtown shopping.

For more information on the Prairie Arts Weekend, call (662) 494-5121 or see [www.westpointms.org](http://www.westpointms.org).

**Fall Food Drive:** Helping Hands and the Salvation Army will be hosting a food drive Monday through Friday. United Way is asking participants to bring nonperishable food items to United Way of Lowndes County, which is located at 501 Seventh Street North, Suite 5, in the Plaza Building.

Donations will be accepted between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items needed include canned meat, canned vegetables, powdered milk, pastas, rice and canned fruit. Please refrain from donating green beans. For more information, call the United Way at 328-0943.

**Summer Bash:** The second annual Summer Bash and Kid's Fishing Rodeo will be held Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lake Lowndes State Park. The rodeo is for children ages 4-12 and will be from 8 a.m. to noon. Please bring your own bait and fishing pole. There will be games and prizes for the whole family. For more information, call 328-2110.

**Tennessee Williams Tribute:** The Tennessee Williams Tribute and Tour of Victorian Homes will begin Sept. 4 and continue through Sept. 7. The Tennessee Williams Welcome Center, 300 Main St. in downtown Columbus, will be headquarters for the tribute. This event will also include Broadway actor Richard Thomas starring in "A Distant Country Called Youth" and "Blanche and Beyond" Sept. 6 at the Rent auditorium in Whitfield Hall at the Mississippi University for Women. Tickets are available at the Columbus Arts Council. For more infor-

mation, call 328-0222 or visit [www.muw.edu/tennesseewilliams](http://www.muw.edu/tennesseewilliams).

**Columbus-Lowndes County Library Volunteers:** The Columbus-Lowndes County library system is looking for volunteers. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library is comprised of a headquarters in Columbus with three branches located in Artesia, Caledonia and Crawford. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library assumes the role of fulfilling the information needs of the residents of Lowndes County and neighboring counties in Mississippi by advocating efficient, effective services and encouraging cooperation among all libraries. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library uses volunteers to provide the best possible library services to the patrons of the library. Volunteers must be 18 years of age; may be required to lift; dependable, eager to work; committed; knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System, previous library or clerical work preferred, but will train the right person. To apply, Please call Meagan at 327-0807.

For more information about local area events, e-mail [AFRC@columbus.af.mil](mailto:AFRC@columbus.af.mil) or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.



# Bowling center helps set bowling world record

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For the first time ever, more than 3,400 bowling centers across the nation have team up to set a new world record for the most bowling games played in a single day. Strike Zone Lanes invites base people to be a part of history and take part in the record-setting event Aug. 30. The first 50 people who sign up receive a free t-shirt. All participants will also receive a commemorative certificate for participating in the world record event. Also from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 30, the bowling center will be taking sign-ups for the upcoming leagues. Everyone who signs up for a league that day, or has registered for a league already, will be entered into a drawing for a \$75 bowling center pro shop gift certificate.

"Strike Zone Lanes is excited to welcome adults and kids of all ages to take part in the fun as we join thousands of bowling centers throughout the country in making history," said Linda Norman, bowling center manager.

The festivities begin at 8 a.m. Aug. 30 and run until midnight. Throughout this week, starting Saturday and ending at midnight Aug. 30, Strike Zone Lanes will host special events each day. They include half-price cosmic bowling Saturday night, rent a lane for \$5 per hour with an unlimited number of bowlers on the lane all day Sunday, buy one game, get one game free on Monday, receive a one free bingo card for every bowler 18 years and older on Tuesday, win a free game when striking with a red head pin on Wednesday, have your bowling equipment checked for free on Thursday and Aug. 29 purchase a \$5 wristband and from 7 to 11 p.m. receive free shoe rental, free soda and three games of bowling

The World Record Event and National Bowling Week are sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA), Strike Ten Entertainment (STE), International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association (IBPSIA), Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

For more information about National Bowling Week and bowling in general, visit [www.gobowling.com](http://www.gobowling.com) or [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com).

For more information about the bowling programs at Strike Zone Lanes, call 434-3426.

## Blaze Lunch Bunch

at the Columbus Club

every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water*

*\$5.75 for club members / \$6.75 for nonmembers*

*This week's menu:*

Meat choices:

Fried Chicken, Beef Tips in Gravy & Grilled Tuna Steak

Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rice Pilaf, Baked Sweet Potato,

Turnip Greens, String Beans and Glazed Carrots

Desserts are \$2.95 each

New York Cheesecake, Carrot Cake and Chocolate Chip Cookies with Vanilla Ice Cream

# Fall months offers trips, events for base families

## Tannehill Trade Days Trip

Outdoor Recreation offers a one-day trip to Tannehill State Park Sept. 20 which includes a mining train, creek fishing, pioneer farm, sweet shop, gristmill, cotton gin and an iron and steel museum. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and one-day admission to the park. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Memphis Motor Speedway Trip

The information, ticket and travel office offers this 3-day trip Sept. 26 to Sept. 28 to Memphis, Tenn. Cost is \$155 per person and includes transportation, two night's lodging (double occupancy) and transportation to the NRHRA O'Reilly Mid-South Nationals. Ticket packages are available at outdoor recreation. Must have at least 15 people registered by Sept. 1. A nonrefundable \$50 deposit is required when registering. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Crafts Classes

The arts and crafts center offers adult classes every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Upcoming classes include making an autumn sign for your door Sept. 9, a LeRoy the Scarecrow Sept. 16, a bear cub wind chime holder Sept. 23 and a ghostie the yard decoration Sept. 30.

Their youth crafts classes are offered at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Classes are \$5 each and include all supplies. Upcoming classes include making a fall leaf picture holder Sept. 10, a craft stick scarecrow Sept. 17 and a felt pumpkin hanging Sept. 24.

A display of all the projects are in the lobby of the arts and crafts center.

For more information, call 434-7836.

## AETC Welcome Home Program

If you have been deployed for more than 120 days, you may be eligible to enter the drawing for a \$2500 vacation cruise. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

## New Orleans Football Trip

The information, ticket and travel office offers this holiday weekend trip to New Orleans, La. Oct. 11-12 to watch the New Orleans Saints play the Raiders. Cost is \$165 per person and includes transportation, one night's lodging (double occupancy) and ticket to the game. Must have at least 20 registered by Sept. 26. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by Sept. 26. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Gatlinburg Ski Trip

The ITT office offers this trip Jan. 17 to 19 but reservations must be made by Dec. 17. Cost is \$235 per person and includes transportation, two meals, chalet

lodging for two nights, lift tickets and rentals or \$195 per person without rentals or \$150 per person for non-skiers. Skiing is the 17th from 3 to 10 p.m. and the 18th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required when registering. Full payment is required no later than Jan. 10. The max number of people for this trip is 14 people. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Airline, Cruise Reservations

Check with the information, ticket and travel office for booking your airline or cruise reservations. Great military rates available. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Swimming Pool Season

The swimming pool new hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. and from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The pool will close for the season Sept. 2.

Lap swimming is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The pool will be closed Thursday for special functions.

Call 434-2491 for information.

## Lunch Take Out Service

The Columbus Club offers a lunch take out service Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call-ins begin at 10:30 a.m. Items available are pizza, philly cheese steak with fries, roast beef and swiss sandwich, "Happy" burger with fries, chef salad, chicken caesar salad, taco salad and more. They also offer a daily blue plate special. Call 434-2419 to place an order to ask about their blue plate special.

## Martial Arts For All Ages

The youth center offers these martial arts self defense training classes for both youth and adults. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Services complex. All classes are taught by Black Belt Hall of Fame instructors. Cost is \$45 per month. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Auto Hobby Shop Oil Change

The Arts and Crafts Center offers this service for \$29.95 and includes five quarts oil and filter, wiper and transmission fluid check and tire pressure. They pick up and deliver. Call 434-7842 for an appointment.

## Casino trips

The Information, Ticket and Travel Office offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino the first Friday of every month. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and \$25 in casino play. Groups of ten or more may book a trip anytime. For more information, call 434-2505.

# AF Marathon offers more than 26.2 mile race

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**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** — People can become a part of history by registering for the 12th annual United States Air Force Marathon.

The event will take place Sept. 20 at here at Wright-Patterson AFB, near Dayton, Ohio. Races include the full marathon, including wheeled division; a half-marathon; and individual and four-member team 10-kilometer races.

For the second consecutive year, a 5-kilometer race will be held Sept. 19 on the campus grounds of neighboring Wright State University.

Other associated activities include the sports and fitness exposition Sept. 18 and 19 at WSU's Ervin J. Nutter Center, and the gourmet pasta dinner Sept. 19, at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The expo and dinner are open to the public. The expo will host a variety of vendors with running apparel and other sporting goods.

Bart Yasso, "Runner's World" magazine's chief running officer, will sign autographs and conduct free running clinics

both days of the expo. Mr. Yasso also will speak at the dinner and participate in races Sept. 20.

Another marathon feature is a free pace team. Runners can sign up for the various pace times at the Sports and Fitness Expo.

A change to the event this year is the elimination of the four-person relay, which is being replaced by the 10K individual and team category.

"No more waiting for buses, looking for teammates, collecting money from other team members or having to swap out team members," said Molly Loudon, USAF Marathon director. "All 10K runners will start the race at the same time. The winning team will be determined by collective fastest times of team members."

Another aspect of the marathon is the service-wide competition for active-duty Air Force Airmen which determines the command with the best long-distance runners in the Air Force. The USAF Marathon's MAJCOM Challenge "Commander's Trophy" is awarded annually by the chief of staff during the Fall Corona to the commander of the winning major command.

Additionally, more than 2,000 military personnel, who are fighting the war on terrorism from their deployed overseas

locations, will participate in the USAF Marathon simultaneously on race day, at their deployed bases.

The USAF Marathon is the world's only "air and space power marathon." Runners are treated to a variety of fly-bys at regularly scheduled intervals by America's most advanced military aircraft.

The F-22 Raptor is the 2008 U.S. Air Force Marathon featured aircraft. While marathon participants and observers hear the pounding of feet on the ground, they also will hear the powerful roar of Air Force aircraft in the air, including the Raptor, as well as other selected Air Force aircraft.

The marathon, a Boston Marathon qualifying race, is certified by the USA Track and Field Association. The 26.2 mile run traverses historical places on Wright-Patterson AFB, including the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the Air Force Institute of Technology, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, the base's flight line, Huffman Prairie Flying Field — where the founding brothers of modern-day flight, Orville and Wilbur Wright, first learned to fly in 1903 -- and the Wright Brothers Memorial. It also travels through neigh-

The following BLAZE Team members will compete in the Men's Open 10K Relay:

- **Maj. Brian Joseph**, 49th Fighter Training Squadron
- **Capt. Benjamin Payne**, 41st Flying Training Squadron
- **1st Lt. Jonathan Murphy**, 14th Force Support Squadron,
- **Airman 1st Class Berlin Aniciete**, 14th Mission Support Group

Good luck to all the competitors!

boring Fairborn, Ohio.

Every runner who crosses the finish line will receive a commemorative finisher's medal from a senior Air Force leader. Runners also will receive a T-shirt, towel and embroidered patch depicting the highlighted F-22 Raptor.

A post-party featuring the Air Force Band of Flight, as well as food and beverages, will begin after the first person crosses the finish line. Runners and guests can tour the National Museum of the United States Air Force throughout the day.

The race and its associated events are open to the public, and for military runners, permissive TDY is authorized.

## Sports Shorts

### 2008 BLAZE Race

Columbus AFB will be holding the 2008 BLAZE Race Sept. 20 at 8 a.m. The awards ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. The early entry fee is \$20 or \$30 on race day. Registration forms can be picked up at the Health and Wellness Center or the Fitness Center. For more information call the Fitness Center at 434-2772 or the HAWC at 434-2477.

### USAF Marathon

Air Education and Training Command is seeking teams for the 12th annual USAF Marathon scheduled for Sept. 20 at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. Events include the marathon, wheelchair marathon, half marathon, individual 10K and team 10K. If you desire to run as a part of the AETC sponsored team submit your team/individual nominations on AF Form 303, Specialized Sports Training, to the Fitness Center. More information on the Air

Force Marathon can be obtained at <http://www.usafmarathon.com>.

### Fitness Classes

The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

### Thursday Golf Scrambles

Golf scrambles start every Thursday at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 plus greens fees. Open to all levels of golfers. For more information, call 434-7932.

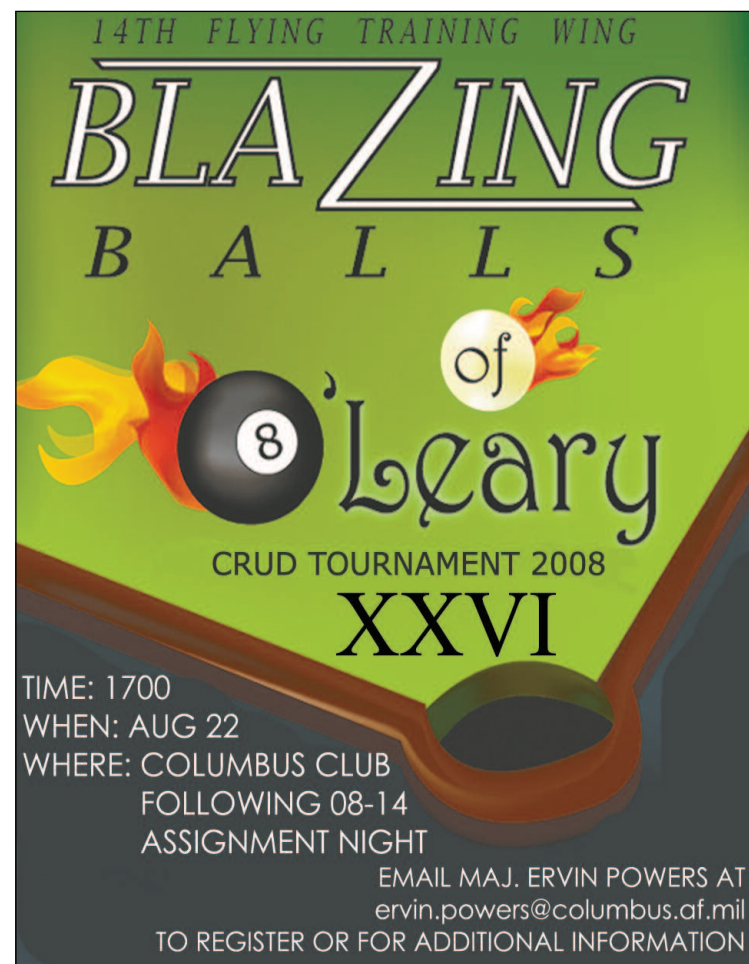
### Cosmic Bowling

Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling.

### Summer Lunch, Bowl Special

Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

*For more information on sporting events, call the Fitness Center at 434-7322.*



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